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## I-55 resurfacing in Will County resumes tonight

**CHICAGO** – The Illinois Department of Transportation announced today that a patching and resurfacing of southbound Interstate 55, from Weber Road to Interstate 80, in Will County, will require overnight and weekend lane closures beginning, weather permitting, Wednesday, April 19. Major travel delays are anticipated, alternative routes are encouraged.

To complete the work, motorists should expect various overnight and weekend lane and partial ramp closures on southbound I-55. The closures will take place from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. Sundays through Thursdays, from 9 p.m. Fridays to 11 a.m. Saturdays, and from 8 p.m. Saturdays to 11 a.m. Sundays. At least one lane in each direction will remain open.

Motorists can expect delays and should allow extra time when traveling through this area. Drivers are urged to pay close attention to flaggers and signs in the work zones, obey the posted speed limits and be on the alert for workers and equipment.

The \$24 million project, which consists of resurfacing the 13.6-mile stretch of I-55, is expected to be completed later this fall. Northbound I-55 from I-80 to Weber Road was completed last year.

Additional ongoing I-55 improvements include:

### • I-55 at Illinois 59

The \$59.3 million project will convert the existing partial-access interchange into a full-access, diverging-diamond interchange. Auxiliary lanes will be added to I-55 between the Illinois 59 and U.S. 52 interchanges to improve safety by better accommodating vehicles entering and leaving the interstate. The Illinois 59 intersection with Seil Road will be improved and modernized. The project is anticipated to be completed fall 2024.

### • I-55 over Lemont Road

The \$17 million project will replace the existing bridge with a new wider structure, reconstruct the ramps and install new lighting and storm sewers. The project is expected to be completed by the end of the year.

### • I-55 over Illinois 53 and Joliet Road

The \$17 million project includes replacing the deck and widening both structures. The project is anticipated to be completed late fall.

### • U.S. 52 (Jefferson Street) over I-55

The \$6.2 million project includes removing the raised median, installing a new bridge deck overlay and joint repairs. The existing ramps from I-55 to Jefferson Street will be widened to accommodate an additional lane on each ramp. The project is anticipated to be completed late fall.

Because of Gov. Pritzker's commitment to I-55, the region is anticipated to benefit through planned developments in the area, including the mixed-used Rock Run Crossings, that are projected to account for \$1.4 billion in economic impact and produce \$53 million in state and local tax revenue. The annual benefits once the improvements are finished are estimated at \$181 million in economic impact and \$72 million in state and local tax revenue.

Over the next six years, IDOT is planning to statewide improve more than 2,500 miles of highway and nearly 10 million square feet of bridge deck as part of the Rebuild Illinois capital program, which is investing \$33.2 billion into all modes of transportation. Accomplishments through Year Three of Rebuild Illinois included approximately \$8.6 billion of improvements statewide on 4,422 miles of highway, 412 bridges, and 621 additional safety improvements.

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